are considered by the Board of NIFT taking into account feasibility considerations provided a firm commitment is made by the State Government for providing 10 acres of land free of cost and funds as per the projected expenditure as revised from time to time.

(b) No such assurance has been given to the Government of Kerala.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) to (f) In view of (c) above, Questions do not arise.

Handicraft clusters in Tamil Nadu

3809. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the district-wise details of handicraft clusters identified for development through Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hastshilp Yojana in Tamil Nadu;

(b) the amount allocated for the State to implement the scheme, during each of the last three years and the amount actually spent;

(c) whether more handicraft clusters in the State are proposed to be covered; and

(d) if so, the handicrafts identified for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) The district-wise details of Handicraft Clusters identified for development through Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana (AHVY) in Tamil Nadu is given in the Statement (*See* below).

(b) State-wise funds are not allocated under the schemes of the Government for promotion and development of handicrafts. However, the details of funds released to various Implementing Agencies *i.e.* NGOs etc. during each of the last three years under AHVY in the State of Tamil Nadu is as under:

2004-05	Rs. 31,14,809
2005-06	Rs. 93,75,986
2006-07	Rs. 1,29,31,074

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The Handicraft Clusters identified for development in Tamil Nadu include: zari embroidery, hand embroidery, light wood painted figures, natural fibre products, soft stone carving and metal castings.

Statement

The district-wise details of Handicraft Clusters identified for development through AHVY

Sl. No.	Name of the District	Name of the craft	Location
1	2	3	4
1	Villupuram	Wood carving Bamboo and other misc.	Kallakurichi Auroville
2	The Nilgiris	Toda embroidery	Nirgachimund
3	Madurai	Teracotta & Paper machie Tie & Dye and Hand block printing	Madurai Maduari
4	Kanyakumari	Pillow lace & Hand embroidery Pottery	Kottumavu & Kulachal Tallakulam
5	Vellore	Palm leaf, Pottery and bamboo Cane	Chinnapalampakkam & Ushar Vill. Walajapet
6	Thiruvallur	Palm leaf and Bamboo Ari, Zari, H Emb. & Bead	Pulicat Kavaripattai, Iyanallur Gummidipoondi Taluk
7	Trichy	Bead jewellery	Narikuravar colony
8	Tirunnelveli	Wood carving, Metal casting and Terracotta	Mannarcoil & Vagaikulam
9	Dindigul	Fibre craft Palm leaf and terracotta	Sirumalai hills Dindigul vill.
10	Sivagangai	Wood caring Hand made tiles Min. metal casting & Sheet metal	Karaikudi Athangadi Ariyakudi
11	Erode	H. Emb., Foot mat and gift articles	Perundurai Taluk
12	Thirunelveli	H. Emb. Palm Leaf	Kaveriyampoodi Kilchettipatti

1	2	3	4
13	Cadalore	Sea-shell	Cadalore
14	Kancheeppuram	Zari Embd. Jute items & Mat weaving	Thirumangalam Kandigai Kundrathur Block
15	Thanjavur	Sheet metal Pithwork Metal casting Tanjore art plate	Swamimalai Kumbakonam Natcharcoil Thanjavur

Textile exports after phasing out of ATC

3810. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country's exports fared well in the second year after the phase out of the Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (ATC);

(b) if so, the break-up share of traditional garments spurn under the category of Dharamevaram, Pocham Palli, Venkatagiri, Godwal, Benarasi, Kanchipuram, Chanderi and Patolas in the total textile exports and foreign exchange earned during 2006-07 from the same;

(c) whether any steps have been initiated during the last three years to rope in the weaver groups and promote exports of the said garments; and

(d) if so, the details of the weavers' groups in Andhra Pradesh which were given support for exports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) Yes, Sir. As per DGCI&S provisional trade data of Department of Commerce, the overall textile exports has registered an increase of 7.67% during the year 2006-07 in comparison to 2005-06.

(b) The Government does not maintain sub-group-wise textile export data. Chapter-wise textile exports during 2006-07 are as follows: